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Dusty Button, a dancer just hitting her stride

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Dusty Button (center) working with other dancers on a performance she choreographed. PAT GREENHOUSE/GLOBE STAFF/GLOBE STAFF

Age: 24

Hometown: Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Think of: People say she looks like Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus), but she's not sure that's a good thing anymore after the young star's controversial performance at the MTV Video Music Awards.

What caught our eye: Thriving since joining Boston Ballet's corps in 2012, she's also taking strides as a choreographer.

Lightbulb moment: At 18, she realized a career in ballet was truly possible when she was offered a job dancing with the Birmingham Royal Ballet in England.

Biggest thrill: "Queen of the Dryads in 'Don Quixote' was the first thing I did after I joined Boston Ballet. It was a bigger part, and it was also a part that I enjoyed doing."

Biggest surprise: "I'd only been here a little over nine months, and Mikko [Nissinen, the Ballet's artistic director] actually approached me and said I was being promoted to soloist."

Inspired by: Her fiancé, Taylor Moore. "He used to be a dancer as well as a choreographer. Now he's a watchmaker. Artistically I was inspired by him a lot because his style was so different from mine."

Aspires to: "I definitely want to stay performing and be a principal in the company and do all that. I also would love to carry on with choreography, too. I love creating on people and watching them take to it in a different way."

For good luck: She sends a text to Moore, who answers with an encouraging message.

What people should know: That's her real name. Her parents wanted to give her a biblical name, but not one of the usual ones. "God made man from the dust of the earth, so they called me Dusty."

Coming soon: "Timeless," her 17-minute piece for nine dancers, set to music from Paramore and the "Shutter Island" soundtrack, among other sources, will have its world

premiere as part of the BB@Home program Oct. 3-4, in Boston Ballet's black-box theater in its headquarters at 19 Clarendon St.

Links: www.bostonballet.org/bb-at-home,
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